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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Food Safety Labs
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has promoted Public-Private-Partnership models to strengthen State food safety labs. by supporting them with sophisticated and expensive equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of Food Safety Laboratories established with the support of FSSAI;

(d) whether such laboratories are well equipped and meet the international standards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the total expenditure earmarked on their maintenance?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): Currently, there is no proposal to strengthen State food testing laboratories through a Public-Private-Partnership model.

(c) to (e): Presently, 184 Food Testing Laboratories have been authorised for testing food products as per standards prescribed under the Food Safety and Standards Act and regulations thereunder. These include:
(i) 72 State/Public food laboratories functioning under the State/ Union Territory Government;
(ii) 14 Referral Laboratories notified by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for referral testing; and
(iii) 98 National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited private laboratories notified by FSSAI.